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Hongkong, December 6, 1875.

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Hongkong, December 8, 1875.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 24th Inst., until the 6th Proximo, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON,

Manager.

Hongkong, December 10, 1875.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 51.

CHINA SEA.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

OCKSEU ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Light on the High or West Ockeu Island was exhibited for the first time at sunset on the 3rd December, 1875.

The illuminating apparatus is revolving Dioptric, of the First Order, showing white flashes at one minute intervals.

The Light is elevated 266 feet above the level of the sea, and, in clear weather, it should be visible from a distance of 24 nautical miles.

The Tower is round, of stone, 35 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vase of 64 feet.

The Tower is painted black, but the dwellings and boundary wall are painted white.

The temporary fixed light, referred to in Notice to Mariners No. 34, has been discontinued.

Approximate position: Latitude 24° 56' N.

Longitude 119° 28' E.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

DAVID M. HENDERSON,

Engineer-in-Chief.

Imp. Mar. Customs,

Engineer's Office,

Amoy, December 4, 1875.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 52.

CHINA SEA.

AMOY DISTRICT.

TSING-SEU LIGHTHOUSE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Taing-see Light on the Northern slope of the Island at the entrance to the outer harbor of Amoy was exhibited for the first time at sunset of the 13th December.

The illumination apparatus is fixed Dioptric, of the Fourth Order, showing a red light from N. 10° E. to N. 67° W., a white light from N. 57° W. round by W. and S. to S. 50° E., and a red light from S. 50° E. to S. 89° E. The bearing are magnetic and taken from seaward.

The Light is elevated 130 feet above the level of the sea, and, in clear weather, the white light should be visible at a distance of 16 nautical miles, and the red light at 8.

The Tower is octagonal, of stone and brick, 20 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vase of 33 feet.

The Tower is painted in alternate red and white vertical stripes, and the dwellings white.

Approximate position:—

Latitude, N. 24° 22' 4.

Longitude, E. 118° 7.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

DAVID M. HENDERSON,

Engineer-in-Chief.

Engineer Office Custom House,

Amoy, December 14th, 1875.

N.B.—The Tai-Tan Island Light, No. 10

Third Issue of List of Chinese Lights for

1874, will not be discontinued till further notice.

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Shanghai, December 17, 1876.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

Notices to Consignees.

S. S. BURMESE,
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored by the Undersigned at their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 5th Proximo, will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 20, 1875.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. AMAZONE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. "Indus," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained from MONDAY, the 3rd January, 1876.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 6 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after subject day, the 6th Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges effected.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

C. PRINCIPAL AGENT.

Hongkong, Dec. 30, 1875.

THE EAST ASIA SHIP COMPANY.

OCEAN LINEREEES per Company's Steamer "Korsoen," are hereby notified that the cargo is being discharged into craft, and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned, in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk.

The cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after the 31st December, 1875.

Goods undelivered after 7th January, 1876, will be subject to rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

S. S. EGERTA,

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Goods by the above Steamer are hereby notified, that the cargo is being landed and stored at their risk to the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on, unless applied for by the Consignees before noon to-day, the 3rd instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 3, 1876.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Barque "WENDI," Master, from Hamburg, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. PUSTAU & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 3, 1876.

BRITISH SHIP GRYTE, FROM

LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

In the Goods of GEORGE BARTY,
FALCONER, Deceased.

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the above Estate are requested to send in Particulars of the same to the Undersigned, on or before the 28th Day of February, 1876, after which date no Claims will be recognised.

And all Persons being indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate Payment.

I. B. FALCONER,
Administrator.

Hongkong, December 8, 1875.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, October 19, 1875.

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COALS of every description supplied to Steamers by the Undersigned.

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LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, November 1, 1875.

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To-day's Advertisements.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. "Arratoon Apoor" having

arrived from the above ports. Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed and stored at their risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S.

"CEYLON"

will leave for the above place

TO-MORROW, the 5th Inst.

at Noon.

A. MOLYER,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 4, 1876.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

(Taking cargo at through rates for

NAGASAKI & HIODO.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S.

"KASHGAR"

will leave for the above place

TO-MORROW, the 5th Inst.

at 5 p.m.

A. MOLYER,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 4, 1876.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

1. Brit. steamer,

Jan. 3, Montgomery Dec. 29, Ballast.

2. Starcock, HI.

3. British steamer, 1270 J.

4. V. Nagasaki Dec. 30, Coal and

5. W. Water JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

6. Ganga, Pernambuco, Brit. steamer, 643 J.

7. Myla, Bangkok Dec. 28, General

LANDSTEIN & CO.

8. Yangtze, British steamer, 738 J.

9. Schuh, Shanghai Dec. 31, General

10. S. S. S. M. & C. Co.

11. K. Kashgar, British steamer, 1270 J.

12. T. Tientsin & PEKING.

13. K. Kashgar, at 4 p.m. To-morrow, the 5th Inst.

14. SHANGHAI, HANKOW, NINGPO, NAGASAKI, CHFOO, TAKU, TIENTSIN & PEKING.

15. K. Kashgar, at 4 p.m. To-morrow, the 5th Inst.

16. S. S. S. M. & C. Co.

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Island this time hoping for a slice of luck, but Naomi was not to be beaten and crossed the line at 2h. 48m. 45s., followed by Naid at 2.49.50, and Ware at 2h. 52m. Naomi is thus the winner of the American Cup and holds it until next year; and Ware, having to receive three minutes' time allowance from Naomi, takes second honors by fifty seconds.

(L. & C. Express.)

The latest Mail Advices received at home are:—Yokohama Oct. 12, Shanghai 15, Foo-chow 15, Hongkong 20.—The P. & O. mail, bringing date: Yokohama 5th; Shanghai 10th; Hongkong 14th; Singapore 21st Oct., was received, via Brindisi, on the 22nd inst.; its due date, and the following (French) mail, with a week's later advice, tabulated above, reached London, via Marseilles, yesterday, being four days early. The next inward (P. & O.) mail is due, via Brindisi, on the 6th prox.

The Simeon, troop-ship, Capt. M. S. L. Pele, has left Portsmouth for Malta, with supernumeraries for the East India and China squadrons, and a detachment of the torpedo company of Royal Engineers. The Himalaya, troop-ship, Capt. W. B. Grant, will meet the Simeon at Malta, and embark the whole of the 28th Regiment for conveyance to Hongkong. Instructions have been telegraphed to Barbadoes, commanding the previously-arranged detention of the Himalaya at that island, and directing her to proceed with all despatch to Malta. The hired transport Thame, Captain Campbell, will convey a portion of the supernumeraries and reliefs for Tiongkong, there being more than the Himalaya can take.

PATMASTER Russell Hill (1870), late of the Camelon, on the Pacific Station, is appointed to the Victor Emmanuel, for service at the Shanghai Naval Yard.

There was some delay in the departure of the Juno, Captain Poland, store and troop-ship for the China Station, in consequence of the reports of the gunboats Frots and Kestrel, rendering it doubtful if they could be recommissioned at Hongkong. The Juno, however, left Sheerness-Portsmouth on Nov. 20, en route to China.

It is stated that the Occidental and Oriental Steam Company have chartered the Stadt Haarlem and Stadt Amsterdam, of 1,800 tons and 450-horse power (built last year) for a line to America from Amsterdam, to run on the Panama and San Francisco line in connection with their China and Japan line. They are to load out from Liverpool to Japan and will probably leave on the 16th December.

The Chinese Steam Navigation Company have contracted with Messrs. Inglis, on Clyde, to build two paddle-wheel steamers intended for the Yangtze trade. Messrs. Scott and Co., Greenock, are building two boats for the river service of Holt's line. Many of the yards on the Clyde have discharged all men for the winter season.

The charter of the steamers *Vasco de Gama* and *Vancouver* to the Pacific Mail Company will shortly expire, and the China Trans-Pacific Company have announced their intention to run these boats, with others, building, on the San Francisco, China, and Japan line, for which the company was formed.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. Charles May.)

Jan. 4, 1876.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Link Aping, a fishmonger, was charged with having in his possession a quantity of composition nails for which he could not account. He was coming away from the Aberdeen Docks. Fired \$20, in default two months' hard labour.

SAME DAY.

Li Aow, hawker, was charged under the following circumstances. Gudjee, Indian gardener to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. About 1 a.m. to-day the defendant came to him and offered a bottle of what appeared to be brandy for sale. Complainant refused to buy it and informed the Sergeant of Jardine's police about it. The defendant was then taken into custody, and three other bottles were found on his person. The bottles bore labels indicating that the liquor was Hennessy's one-star brandy. The defendant stated that the four bottles were given to him by a man who had gone to Canton. The case was ultimately remanded for further enquiry.

BREACH OF REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.

Fan Akam, a cook, was charged with having gone to the Registrar General's Office and attempted to get a new ticket on false representation. Mr. Osmund proved that on the 1st inst., the defendant came to the office and applied for a new ticket as a cook. He said he had never held a certificate before. At that moment, a Mr. Xavier came to the office with a certificate which had been issued to the defendant, and stated that the defendant had left his house on the 1st inst. Fined \$10.

LARCENY FROM THE PERSON.

Chin a On and Ow a Tak were charged with cutting a gold button off the jacket of a woman, who went to the Theatre on the 3rd instant. The prosecutor was leaving the Theatre when she felt the hand of some one touching her jacket. She looked round and saw that one of her gold buttons had been cut off, and the defendant had a pair of scissars in his hand. Prosecution caught hold of him, when he dropped the scissars. The defendant then pointed to the 2nd defendant and observed that he was the man who had the button in his mouth. She had not recovered the button. Both defendants were proved to have been in jail before. They were sent to six months hard labour each. The first defendant was ordered to give security in \$100 for 12 months, in default to be brought to the notice of the Governor, with a view to his deportation.

“EX BARTHELA”

The 15th, chair cooler in the employ of

Messrs. Lammett, Atkinson & Co., were summoned for creating a disturbance in the Cathedral compound on the 2nd inst., when a service was being conducted. The defendants were discharged with a caution.

(Before James Russell, Esq.)

VIOLENT ASSAULT.

Ning Chinham were charged with violent assault on one Li Akwai, who was an informer to the gambling detective. On the 31st December last, some men were arrested for gambling in a house in Tainping-shan. The evidence being contradictory, the Magistrate only called on some of the defendants to give security and discharged the rest. While in the Waiting Room, the informer, Li Akwai, was threatened with personal violence. On the 1st inst., the men carried their threat into effect. The man was severely beaten with poles and a hatchet. The case was further remanded till to-morrow.

BREACH OF ORDINANCE 4 of 1875.

Wong A-az, a married woman, was again brought up on the above charge. Without any further evidence being taken, the case was remanded till to-morrow, on the application of Mr. Brereton, who appeared for the prosecution.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. Justice Snowdon.)

Jan. 4, 1876.

Lum Keen v. Thang Shun Yee, \$20; Ho Lap and Another v. Same, \$182.—Mr. Sharp appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Donnys for the defendant.

This case was remanded to day.

Mr. Wm. Peter Von Groneveld was called.—I am the emigration agent of the Dutch Government. I came up here in the month of August last. My only object here is to promote emigration to Acheneh. I placed myself in communication with the Colonial Government on arrival. The private individual I placed myself in communication with was Yow Foo. I think I was introduced to him by the comprador of Messrs. Sohnemann & Co. I do not know the defendant; have not seen him before. He was not interested in my emigration scheme. The man came to Hongkong. I made known my scheme to the men through advertisements in the Chinese newspapers. I did not see the emigration agents engaged in the scheme. I saw some of the emigrants. (Document A., terms of engagement, shewn witness.) I have seen a paper like that before, but it does not relate to my scheme of emigration; Deli is quite different to Acheneh. I know nothing about the emigration to Deli, nor do I know about the steamer *Pardo*. The paper in question states a contract of service for two years, whereas my scheme does not bear any contract.

Mr. Sharp then argued on the question of contract. He urged that there was a promise of engagement. The question, then, was, did the defendant break his promise with the plaintiff? He contended that he did, and the consideration was the circumstance of the plaintiff coming down to the Colony and placing himself at the disposal of the defendant. With reference to the Tung Wah Hospital, he thought a grave charge had been made against it, a charge which he believed to be unfounded. There was no evidence to prove that Wong Tai Shook was connected in any way with the Hospital, and he did not see why the Hospital should be dragged into the case and have so grave a charge made against it.

Mr. Dennis said Wong Tai Shook was in the employ of the Hospital. Mr. Sharp said, so far as he knew, the man was not connected with the Hospital at all. He had not even heard of his name. He did not, however, wish to say any more on the subject.

The Court remarked that the object was to see whether the witnesses had been interfered with or not, and if they had, the Court would punish the guilty party severely.

Mr. Sharp quite agreed with the Court as to the admissibility of the enquiry. The matter then dropped, and judgment was reserved.

Low Cheong v. Kwong Moon, \$86.80.—Mr. Deppa appeared for the plaintiff and applied for adjournment. The defendant is now in gaol under a writ of execution of this Court. Application granted.

Chooong Ying v. Chun Sui Sow and Lai Kwei, \$188.84.—This was an action arising out of a dispute on building contract. The case was referred to Mr. R. S. Neate, the Inspector of Buildings attached to the Surveyor General's department. Mr. Neate reported in favour of the plaintiff for \$108.94. Judgment for that amount was accordingly given. The referee's charge of \$20 to be borne equally by both parties.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(*Courier and Gazette*.)

H. L. R. M.'s corvette Bayan, Captain Boyle, arrived yesterday (18th) at Woosung from Japan, having on board Admiral Poussin, Commander-in-chief of the Russian naval forces in the East.

A learned but somewhat deformed pig is being exhibited to crowds of gaping Chinese in Smith's Market. It is described as having two huge ears, which flap-like face, and a popular and quite unnecessary protuberance from the back of its neck, like a human hand, furnished with hair on one side, fingers and nails. This very unpleasant creature is said to indulge in a horrid dance, and to make bows. We have, however, to admit that the native Barnum is reaping a copious harvest from the possession of such a treasure.

A lighthouse keeper in the service of the Japanese Government statuted in the extreme north of Japan lately applied to be removed during the winter to a warmer station in the south, as he was ill-adapted to withstand the rigorous climate of Yesso, having been frostbitten in the Crimea. The Japanese work, whose business it was to translate the letter for the perusal of the higher officials, asked a European friend to explain to him what part of the body the Crimea was.

A couple of Slaves' junks were lately detected in an attempt to smuggle some raw silk out of the port, and the silk, which we are told amounted in value to some

hundreds of taels, was confiscated. It was sold by auction at the Custom-house, with a lot of other things; ginseng, native opium, &c.

The severity of the frost of the past week has arrested all the boat traffic on the creeks and canals beyond the influence of the tides. For some days past all postal communication between Shanghai and Soochow has been effected by carriers as the foot-boats have discontinued to ply, because of the ice. We were informed yesterday, by one of the postmen, that between Shanghai and Soochow he saw four foreign house-boats frozen in. It is probable, however, that their time of release is near, if it has not already come.

We understand that the obstacles in the way of the withdrawal of the China and Japan Marine Insurance Company's deposits are not of a very formidable character; indeed they are exactly what might be expected from the usual conditions of fixed deposits. If it is desired to withdraw a fixed deposit before its due date, a banker is in the position of making his own terms as to the rate of interest it should bear. One party wishing to withdraw from a contract can only do so on terms acceptable to the other. At the meeting of the China and Japan a portion of the shareholders appeared to think that the Bank would be only too glad to get rid of their deposits. If they thought that they were to get the full rate of interest for the time the deposit had run, they are probably mistaken. It must be borne in mind that the liquidation of the China and Japan takes off the market a security upon which bankers can obtain a higher rate of interest than that which they give for deposits.

We have arrived at the Winter Solstice, and according to Chinese reckoning a day too soon, while, according to our more accurate measurement of time, they are laggards, making to-morrow the Tung-chih. The year however is exceptional; the solstice generally falling earlier than the 21st. Accordingly, all the public offices will then be closed, while among tradespeople it is a settling day. If we happen to have in our mind, decided or visiting, an inveterate sight-seer, we counsel him to attend to-morrow at the Confucian Temple to witness the official cult of China. There and then he may see the semi-annual services held in honour of the great sage, when the mandarins are in their gaudiest attire. The sight-seer must either procure lodgings within the City Walls, or arrange to have the gate open so that he can reach the temple by 4 a.m. The ceremony may take place at any time from that hour to 10 o'clock; and a due amount of exercise in the unpaved Courts at the temple will keep him in a glow while waiting. Next he may send his way to the City-Temple, where the tutelary god holds Court, and who is worshipped by the local magistrates generally, by deputy, followed by the commonly of worshippers. Our columns shall be open to the result of his experience, if any one will favour us with a description!

The administration of rewards and punishments among officials in China is strangely carried on. Our readers may remember that some years ago Chen Kuo-ju, a wealthy mandarin residing at Yang-chow, got into disgrace, and suffered degradation at the instance of Li Kiu-nan. He appears not even yet to be restored to favour. The other day, he was invited to dinner by a military mandarin named Wu, residing at Kua-chow, and after dinner his host proposed a game at cards. Chen acceded at once; and when they had played and drunk together for some time, Wu suggested an outing. The two mandarins sat together, when to Chen's great surprise, he found himself carried on board a gunboat, where he appeared to have been expected. In reply to his bewilderment, Wu produced a letter he had received from the Viceroy, directing him to send Chen Kuo-ju back to his native place in Hupeh, as a pestilent fellow who was the nuisance of the neighbourhood, in Yang-chow. “Your baggage and property will be taken care of and sent after you,” said Wu, coolly; and the unpopular mandarin had nothing for it but to submit.

A camp of some 500 soldiers has been started on the top of a hill immediately behind the Settlement, the position being chosen probably in order that they may receive the protection of the foreign residents, for that seems the only reason why they should be placed at the exact point which commands the resting places

we have been in the habit of making use of in the summer, when a breeze can only be obtained on the summit of some hill. These gentles have only been in possession about a week, but already the place reeks with all the abominations that can be imagined as surrounding a Chinese encampment. Next summer our ladies will have to do without any airing, as the next range of hills is too far for them to walk to.

The Consulate is rapidly approaching completion, and will be by far the handsomest building in the place. As yet we are quite in the dark as to who is to be in charge.

It has been very cold for this part of the world, and on the nights of the 17th and 18th there were 18 degrees of frost.

1st Dec.

Mears, Spencer and Wolf write on the 22nd December:—The business in general goods during the past week has been again very small, but at the close there are some signs of an improved demand. Grey Shirts—84-lb. have been the only kind dealt in, and of these sales are reported of Green Lion at Tls. 1.68; Red Pheasant, Tls. 1.61 & 1.68; and ordinary cargo, various shops, Tls. 1.64 & 1.65. T-Clothes and Drills—Still rule very dull. Sandalwood—Best quality is quoted Tls. 3.56 & 3.60, but common wood is freely offered at much lower rates. Mocha Opium—Both old and new drug is quoted at Tls. 4.42 & 4.44 per picul, but the demand for the former is very small.

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The Kashgar, Captain Baker, bringing the London Mail of November 26th, arrived this morning. The following are unpublished telegrams:—

London, Nov. 30.—The Indian Government has announced its intention of joining in an International Post Union. All postal administrations affected have been invited to a conference which is to assemble on 17th January next.

It is reported that the Russian Army at Khotkand is in a very precarious position.

The Right Honble. Stephen Cave is the Special Commissioner who presented a Special Commission to Government.

Paris, Nov. 30.—Mr. de Lesseps has issued a re-measuring circular to the shareholders of the Suez Canal. He regards the purchase of the shares by the British Government as a fortunate occurrence constituting a union of British and French Capital for purely industrial and therefore necessarily peaceful working of the Canal.

Paris, Dec. 10.—Of the election of 75 Life Senators which is proceeding in the Assembly, only two have yet been elected in consequence of party division.

however, can ride all the way to the Arsenal, while it will afford pedestrians another new walk. The road will not be macadamized until the spring.

enjoins the necessity of preserving neutrality.

Colombo, Dec. 1.—The Serapis arrived in harbour shortly before noon to-day, and was received with Royal Salutes from the Squadron and the shore batteries—it was originally intended that the Prince should land at 10 A.M., whereas he did not come ashore till 4 P.M. After having received a visit from H. E. the Governor; His Royal Highness was brilliantly received on landing at the jetty by the Governor and Chief Officials Civil and Military, the Chinese in their quaint costumes being conspicuous.

An address from the Municipality, and the Legislative Council was presented in an elaborately jewelled ivory casket. The Prince briefly replied, then drove through the town and back to the jetty re-embarking for Kandy to-morrow at 7 A.M.

There was a large concourse of people all along the route who received the Prince with every mark of cordiality and respect. The depositions and arches were numerous, though unfinished owing to difficulties in date of arrival.

It is believed here that the Prince will not touch at Trincomalee, the inhabitants there have however forwarded a loyal address earnestly entreating a visit and promising a hearty reception.

Kandy, Dec. 3.—Governor Gregory is to be knighted this evening, and there will be a grand torchlight procession of elephants according to the old custom at the coronation of native Kings, the Prince will view it from the octagon of the temple.

The Reception in Colombo and Kandy was brilliant, Sir Bartle Frere and the artistes were entertained, and the Prince expressed his unqualified admiration of the beauty and verdure of the country which was striking.

The enthusiasm was immense and the discussions were superb. The Prince was universally admired.

The Foreign press expresses apprehension lest, in consequence of the recent transference of shares, England should acquire the exclusive possession of the Suez Canal, and therefore insists on the maintenance of its neutrality.

London, Dec. 6.—Both Russia and Germany have notified approval of the Austrian scheme of reform in Turkey and final arrangements are only awaited for the return of Prince Gortchakoff to Saint Petersburg.

The weather throughout Europe has been severe, and in some parts heavy snow-storms have fallen.

Madrid, Dec. 3.—A Ministerial notification again nominates Senor Canovas del Castillo to the Premiership.

Calcutta, Dec. 4.—Captain C. E. Hunter Extra Aide-de-Camp to the Viceroy, shot himself this morning, at the Great Eastern Hotel. The jury returned a verdict of temporary insanity. He will be buried with military honours this evening, Saturday.

Colombo, Dec. 7.—The Prince shot two elephants yesterday near Avi-as-wella after waiting nearly all day for them.

Returning from the drive of elephants the Prince's carriage was accidentally overturned and smashed, the Prince falling underneath the broken vehicle. Fortunately His Royal Highness was not hurt.

The Prince reaches here at noon, to-day, and holds a levee at one o'clock.

The State-dinner and ball come off to-night.



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